Leasing of Airbus 320

950. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines proposes to lease four Airbus 320s.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the present effective fleet strength and utilisation of the fleet strength of airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines proposes to dry-lease four A320 aircraft for augmentation and replacement of capacity.

(c) The details the existing aircraft fleet of Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air and Utilization thereof are as follows:—

Type of Aircraft	Number (As on 1.7.2001)	Aircraft Utilisation (Planned annual utilization as on 20.7.2001) (in hours)
A300	9*	2400
A320	32*	2993
B737	11 3	2627
D0228		994
	Average	2713

*Includes two A300 and A320 on dry lease. A300 fleet excludes two aircraft out of which one has been set aside for sale.

Damages from Boeing Leasing Company

951. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines proposes to seek damages from Boeing Leasing Company on account of failure to deliver aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and